

## IT Officer's Report

In the past year I've updated, maintained and supported the various aspects of CSCC's IT. The webserver, website, access guide, calendar, email, mailing lists (Mailman, MailChimp), etc.

During the year the website was successfully moved away from the BCA server to a new server provided by Hetzner. It is running without any problems.

Recently I have completed moving the Access Guide across. The Officials Mailing List is the next item to move. The software will change to something called Sympa which I have chosen to replace Mailman2 which is no longer supported. The final step will be to move our email across.

I have received several reports of CSCC email going to spam when it really shouldn't. I've investigated. There are no problems with our email configuration. Part of the problem is that Gmail is ridiculously sensitive these days. I've seen email sent from Gmail to Gmail, i.e. entirely within Gmail's own system sent to spam! But the main problem is with a mis-configuration of the BCA server's anti-spam system that can't be fixed. The solution is to move our email across to the new server.

I've kept the front page of the website up to date with the current news and event, linking through to the items the Comms Officer posts.

During the year the Equipment Officer has done some work on restructuring and adding more information to his pages. I encourage the other officers to review their sections.

The welcome page now includes a link to the Priddy Rainfall Gauge in the weather section. This can be useful to give an idea of how wet your trip might be.

The general principle I aim to follow when developing the website is to enable updates to be done by others as well as the webmaster. Too many website rely on just the webmaster for updates and then stagnate when the webmaster is overworked or loses enthusiasm. So for example I'm very pleased to have the Secretary posting the Minutes, the C&A Officer updating the Access Guide, the Comms. Officer posting news items and the Equipment Officer maintaining the anchor placement pages.

Any suggestions for improving the website or other aspects of IT are always welcome.

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